(b) whether it is a fact that the officers who recommend the institutions and those who release the funds are continuously working on the same seat for the last seven years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) There is no transfer policy in the Department of Women and Child Development including Norad (Now Swawlamban) and Swadhar. However, rotational transfers within the Department are done, as and when necessary.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Self-financing engineering colleges in Kerala

2711. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending with AICTE for sanctioning of new self-financing engineering colleges and also for sanctioning additional seats in the existing colleges in Kerala;

(b) the reasons for pendency; and

(c) the action being taken by AICTE in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) AICTE has stated that no application is pending with them for establishment of new technical insitutions nor for increase in intake in Kerala. Applicants whose proposals for establishing new technical institutions have been rejected for deficiencies noted in their proposals, have been given an opportinity to re-apply after rectifying their deficiencies for revisit/inspection by the expert committee.

Financial assistance under Swawlamban (Norad) Scheme

2712. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: